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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. Thanks for your response to my request for concise information about what the committee is doing, how well it is doing, and how it might do better. I commend you on the scope and quality of your work, with which I am more familiar and have observed more closely than that of most of the other committees.

2. Is an adequate effort made to utilize your defensive efforts against technology theft to acquire science and technology information from our adversaries.

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3. Your committee is certainly carrying on an impressive array of activities and has made a fine reputation for itself. I worry lest succumbing to the pressure to take on all kinds of assignments for consumers may result in a loss of quality in your intelligence work. I think we should look at the total spectrum of activity in the technology transfer area to make sure that we focus on the really important intelligence aspects and resist being dragged into the kind of information gathering and processing that enforcement agencies should do to make their own work effective. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.



William J. Casey

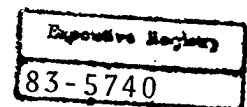
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

Thanks for your response to my request for concise information about what the committee is doing, how well it is doing, and how it might do better. The committee has tackled an impressive array of subjects during 1983 and it is my impression that the quality of these products is generally high and demonstrates a gratifying thoroughness in approach. I had a good discussion last week with [REDACTED] and the DDCI on the subjects covered in your memo, notably how we can reach outside the community to get additional input on areas critical to NIE 11-12 where we are not sufficiently covered in the community. We also discussed the subject of overt data. I am sure that [REDACTED] has discussed this with [REDACTED] and that his ideas on moving forward, which I support, will be pretty much in line with those of the committee and its chairman and groups. Your work is important and we certainly should be able to beef up the clerical staff to get the work out efficiently.

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